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Gentlemen:

The enclosed comment responses are provided in response to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) May 12, 1995 comments on the Addendum to Technical Memorandum No. 2, Human Health Risk Assessment Exposure Scenarios, Operable Unit 3, April 11, 1995. These responses are the only remaining outstanding issues for Technical Memorandum Number 2 (TM 2). We hope that you will find them to be satisfactory and that document approval will be forthcoming.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not provided comments on the above mentioned document. It is hoped that this is an indication that EPA has no major concerns with TM 2 and that they will provide formal document approval.

On May 8, 1994, CDPHE also provided comments on Technical Memorandum 5, Human Health Risk Assessment, Toxicity Assessment, Operable Unit 3, October 10, 1994. Subsequent to the submittal of TM 5, in a letter dated October 12, 1994, the EPA provided clarification to the requirements stated in paragraph VII.D.1.c of the Interagency Agreement Statement of Work regarding the submittal of a toxicity assessment technical memorandum. The clarification states that a toxicity assessment technical memorandum is only required when EPA verified toxicity values are not available from the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) or the Health Effects Assessment Summary Tables (HEAST). This clarification was provided specifically for Operable Unit (OU) 5, however, since OU 3 is using HEAST for assessing health effects as stated in TM 5, it is reasonable to assume that EPA supplied clarification would apply equally to OU 3. Given the above referenced guidance, the Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Field Office (DOE, RFFO) would like to consider TM 5 to be an informational document not requiring agency comment or approval. We feel confident that any concerns or comments the CDPHE may have will be satisfactory addressed in the OU 3 Baseline Risk Assessment.

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We request your response at your earliest convenience. It will be beneficial to all parties to reach resolution on these issues prior to the submittal of the RFI/RI report.

Sincerely,



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